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FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS.

A DEAD SET AGAINST MILLERAND.
EX-PREMIER PAINLEVE A CANDIDATE.

HERRIOT TO SUCCEED POINCARÉ?

(Reuter's General Service.)

PARIS, June 1.
The dead set against President Millerand by the Left parties is considerably aggravating the political crisis. The formation of a new cabinet is most difficult as several sections oppose collaboration with the President in the slightest degree. The radical and Radical Socialist Federation yesterday demanded Millerand's immediate resignation while to-day the Radical Socialist deputies in whose eyes their leader, M. Herriot, is the prospective premier, unanimously passed a resolution in the Chamber that they were unable to accord Millerand confidence because "he exceeded the constitutional role." Only the intervention of Herriot, who explained that he desired to retain freedom of action if he was summoned to form a Cabinet, prevented the meeting from adopting a proposal forbidding any Leftist accepting the Premiership from Millerand.

By a unanimous vote the plenary meeting of the Left bloc, attended by all sympathetic parties, endorsed the Radical Socialist motion adopting M. Painlevé as candidate for the presidency on the proposal of M. Herriot. The resolution also expressed unconditional confidence in M. Herriot. Meanwhile the Socialist Party Congress, also a Republican Socialist and Independent Socialist deputies meeting presided over by ex-Premier Painlevé were uncompromising in their attitude. The former is instructing parliamentary representatives to fight any government formed under Millerand's aegis and the latter declared that the least collaboration with Millerand is inconceivable.

ECONOMIES IN THE BUDGET.
Prior to Poincaré's resignation becoming effective the Council of State ratified Decree Laws which were forced through the last Parliament in the teeth of strong opposition. These reduce departmental expenses by 400 million francs. Millerand subsequently counter-signed the ratification.

LATER.

The Poincaré Cabinet has resigned.
WHAT HERRIOT WILL DO.
In a speech M. Herriot declared that if he did not secure the support he asked from the Socialists he would not consent to assume office. He anticipated external difficulties but not so many as suggested for democratic Europe had confidence in him. The aim of his government would be European peace and he would take all measures to maintain the equilibrium of the Budget and even have recourse to the courts if needed to put an end to certain manoeuvres.—Reuter.

CHANCELLOR SHOT.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION AT VIENNA.

VIENNA, June 1.

Chancellor Seipel has been shot and seriously but not fatally wounded. His would-be assassin was also shot and sustained serious injuries during his arrest.—Reuter.

Chancellor Seipel was returning from Wiener Eustadt and had just alighted at the station when the man, who had travelled in the same train, made the attack. A shot penetrated the lung inflicting a serious wound but it is not thought that it will prove fatal. His assailant turned the weapon on himself when about to be arrested. He refused to disclose his identity. The Chancellor was immediately taken to hospital.—Reuter.

ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED.

LATER.

The Chancellor was wounded twice, the first being a slight wound and the second more serious. His assailant has been identified as a weaver named Jaworek of Pottendorf near Wiener Eustadt.—Reuter.

A POLITICAL CRIME.

According to Reuter's Vienna correspondent Seipel was leaving the station to enter a motor-car when a young man approached and fired three revolver shots. The Chancellor fell to the ground unconscious. His assailant shot himself in the head and his condition is desperate. An operation was subsequently performed on the Chancellor whose life the doctors hope to save. The Chief of Police has made a statement that the crime is a political one. The Chancellor's assailant is a railway worker—a supposed Communist.—Reuter.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ABLAZE.

MATRON AND GIRLS KILLED.

OTHERS SAVED BY JUMPING.

LOS ANGELES, June 1.

Five girls and the matron of Hope Development school for sub-normal girls at Plaza del Rey were killed in a fire which destroyed the building. Three girls are missing and 19 injured, the latter having jumped from a great height and were conveyed to hospital.—Reuter.

LATER.
According to the latest reports 18 are dead, 16 of which are aged between 5 and 15.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

EUROPEAN COMPETITION'S PROGRESS.

INDIA DEFEATS HOLLAND.

LONDON, June 1.
At Amstelveen in the Davis Cup tennis India beat Holland by four matches to one.
Jacob (India) beat Timmer (Holland) 3-6, 8-6, 6-3, 2-6, 8-1.
Sleem (India) beat Van Lennep (Holland) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.

It was Jacob's steadiness which won him the keen match as Timmer invariably started a set well but Sleem, who was as steady as a rock, was altogether too much for Lennep, returning every ball despite Lennep's hardest drives.—Reuter.

LONDON, May 31.
At Amstelveen, in the Davis Cup Doubles, Van Lennep and Timmer (Holland) beat Jacob and Hadi (India) 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

It was a thrilling struggle. The Dutchmen were brilliant but somewhat erratic. They were leading by 4-1 in the second set, when India won the next seven games successively. The Dutchmen recovered brilliantly in the fourth set, but the deciding set was a desperate struggle, the sides dividing the first eight games equally. Then the Dutchmen produced another flash of brilliance and took the next two games and the match.

Britain v. Spain.
At Edgbaston in the second round of the Davis Cup, J. D. P. Wheatley (Britain) beat E. Flaquer (Spain) 6-3, 4-6, 8-6, 6-1, and M. Alonso (Spain) beat J. B. Gilbert (Britain) 6-2, 9-7, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.

France v. Ireland.
At Dublin in the Davis Cup, Courtice (France) beat E. D. McGree (Ireland) 6-3, 8-6, 3-6, 4-6, 7-5, and R. Lacoste (France) beat Dillon (Ireland) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.—Reuter.

A BIG LOAD.

LONDON, June 1.
The largest consignment of bullion ever landed in England was unloaded from the "Leviathan" at Southampton. It comprised fifty-one tons of silver bars, consigned from America to six leading London banks.—Reuter.

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SOUTH AFRICANS "A LEG UP."

LONDON, June 1.

The South Africans played Scotland at Glasgow before 2,500 spectators on a soft wicket. Scotland compiled 38, McIntyre taking 4 wickets for 19 runs, Dixon 4 for 14 and Nupen 2 for 2. This is the lowest total ever made against Africa. The South Africans obtained 204 for 3 wickets, Cotterall and Commaile scoring 72 and 52 respectively.—Reuter.

SOVIET EMBASSIES STATUS.

TROTSKY RE-ELECTED ON CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

LONDON, June 1.
The British Legation at Lisbon and the Portuguese Legation at London have elevated the status of the embassies from Moscow. Trotsky is among the re-elected members of the Central Committee at the Communist Party Congress. Radek was not re-elected.—Reuter.

"HONGKONG'S" LURE.

POPULAR CHINESE DINNERS.

LONDON, June 1.
The Hongkong exhibit at Wembley is thronged daily by thousands of visitors attracted by the Hongkong street with its open shops and native workers, surrounded continuously by large crowd of Chinese. The restaurant is insufficient to hold the crowds of would-be diners.—Reuter.

THE IRISH BOUNDARY.

LONDON, May 31.
There was an important three hour conversation on the Irish boundary dispute at Chequers this evening between Sir J. Craig, Mr. Cosgrave and Mr. Macdonald. Hitherto no official statement has been issued.—Reuter.

LONDON, June 1.
President Cosgrave is reported as declaring that after the Chiquera conference the position has not been advanced a single step.—Reuter.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

New York, May 31.
On account of previous postponed matches, each pair to-day played twice or a so-called double header. The results were as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
Cleveland	7 Detroit
Cleveland	0 Detroit
St. Louis	5 Chicago
St. Louis	4 Chicago
New York	6 Philadelphia
New York	4 Philadelphia
Boston	9 Washington
Boston	5 Washington

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburg	4 St. Louis
Pittsburg	3 St. Louis
Chicago	2 Cincinnati
Chicago	2 Cincinnati
Brooklyn	6 Boston
Brooklyn	5 Boston
Philadelphia	5 New York
Philadelphia	3 New York

—Reuter's American Service.

LATEST LEAGUE RESULTS.

New York, June 1.—The following are the latest league results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Philadelphia	3 New York
Brooklyn	14 Boston
Chicago	6 Cincinnati
Pittsburg	7 St. Louis

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

New York	5 Philadelphia
New York	3 Philadelphia
Boston	0 Washington
Cleveland	2 Detroit
St. Louis	2 Chicago

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BELLIGERENT JAPAN.

LONDON, May 31.
It is reported from Melbourne that the Nationalist, Mr. Marks, moving the adjournment of the House of Representatives in order to discuss defence matters, suggested that if a naval base were constructed at great cost at Port Darwin, the Japanese, in the case of war, would be deeply obliged. Such a base would have to be destroyed, because if it was left for the enemy to use it, Australia would be at the mercy of the Japanese fleet without the protection of the British Navy.—Reuter.

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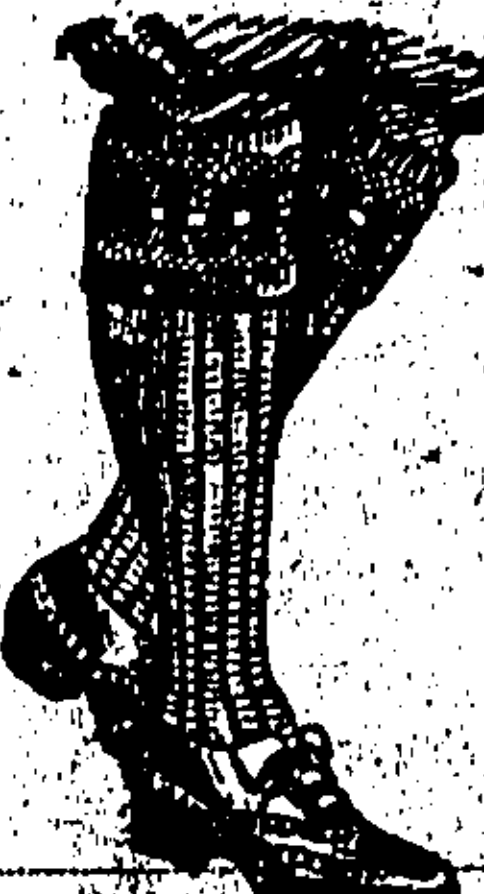
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Hongkong, 29th May, 1924.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1924.

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THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held on SATURDAY 7th June 1924 at 12.30 p.m. in the Jockey Club Rooms, Hongkong Club Annex.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1924.

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THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 7th and MONDAY, 8th June commencing at 3.30 p.m. each day. The first bell will be rung at 8 p.m.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1924.

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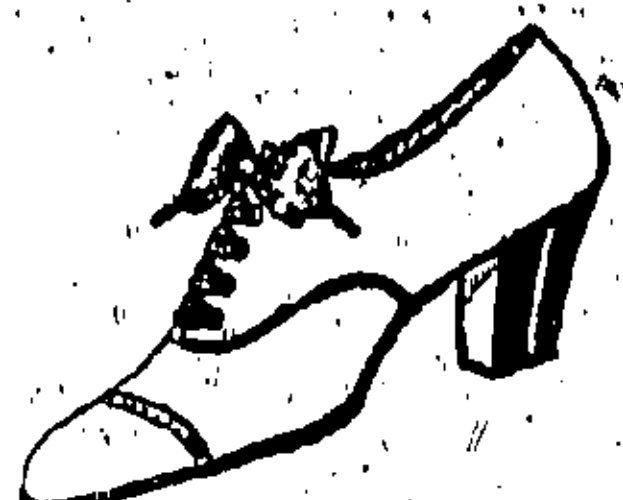


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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The birth of a son to the wife of the Maharaj Kumar (their apparent) of Bikaner is announced.

The Turkish National Assembly, having passed the whole of the Constitution charter and the Budget, is adjourning for six months.

At a wedding at Thringstone, Leicestershire, both bride and bridegroom, Miss Shaw and Mr. Fred Hawkins, were deaf and dumb.

Two Iraq (Mesopotamia) tribal deputies, known to be advocates of the ratification of the treaty with Great Britain, were stabbed in Baghdad streets.

Seven more Egyptians, making eight altogether, have been detained at Cairo in connection with the murder of Corporal Ryan, of the Royal Air Force.

The death has occurred of Mr. John Currie, who was first chief engineer of the "Mauretania" when she made her record crossing of the Atlantic in September 1909.

Mr. William Pugh, J.P., 55, an official of the Dockers' Union and a South Wales Labour leader, died on the roadside when walking with his 10-years-old son.

A 17-years-old girl who was bound over at Hamilton, Lanarkshire, was stated to have cashed a worthless cheque for £14 and engaged a hall and a band for a dance.

Thieves who broke into the United Methodist Church and schoolroom at Mitcham, Surrey, which is opposite the police station, failed to find any money but drank nearly a bottle of Communion wine.

Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Liberal M.P. for East Wiltshire, speaking at Kensal Rise, N.W., said that though he voted for free railway passes, he had informed the authorities that he did not wish to receive his salary any longer.

Thieves who broke into the Hampstead Postal Sorting Office, Downshire-hill, N.W., opposite the Hampstead Police Station, took from postmen's lockers eight tickets for the Football Association Cup-final and 23s. in money.

The Duchess of York will visit an Elizabethan Fete on May 31 at Hatfield House, Hatfield, the residence of the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, in aid of the funds of the Hertfordshire Nursing Association, for the purpose of receiving purses.

The British delegation to the Byron centenary celebrations at Missolonghi have expressed warm gratitude to the Greek people and officials for their enthusiastic reception.

Eluding a nurse, George Hockney, a patient at Grimsby Hospital, escaped from bed and in delirium leapt through the window, but escaped serious injury because he fell on turf.

The body found on the Downs near Beachy Head, Eastbourne, was identified as that of Henry Smith, 55, of 54, Church-street, Old Town, Eastbourne.

Mrs. Bennett, widow of Captain G. H. Bennett, the amateur steeplechase rider who died after being thrown at Wolverhampton on December 27 last, has given birth to a daughter.

The two brothers named Coleman who have been arrested in connection with the shooting of British soldiers at Queenstown will be brought before a district justice in County Cork.

Stated to have escaped from a private asylum, a Mrs. Staunton was found, clad in her nightdress, on the railway near Ashtown, County Dublin, with her right leg broken and her skull fractured.

The death has occurred at the age of 100 of Mr. Samuel Scott, formerly head keeper to the Lord-Lieutenant of Radnorshire.

Trials were carried out at Zebrugge with the train ferry-boats to be used for the Harwick-Zeebrugge service.

Dr. John William Mackail, LL.D., has been appointed Professor of Ancient Literature to the Royal Academy, in succession to the late Viscount Morley, O.M.

The Royal Academy has purchased, under the terms of the Chantry Bequest, an oil painting, "The Princess Badroulboudour," by Professor William Rothenstein.

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COLOMBISM.

We do not pretend to know what governs the appointment to certain Government posts—whether they are based on seniority of service, ability, influence, preference of those in high quarters—or what. In certain directions a settled rule seems to apply. We use the word "disfidence." For instance it does not seem to have been necessary to go beyond the bounds of the ranks of the local Civil Service for our Captain Superintendent of Police and our Director of Education.

super-officials all hail from one place—Colombo. Doubtless what is Colombo's loss (or gain) will be Hongkong's gain (or loss). This infusion of new blood is probably all for the good of Hongkong. If there is any feelings in the matter on the part of present incumbents of office, we ask them to bear up. Perhaps—who knows?—they may some day be transferred to Colombo.

Bathing and Pirates.

The fear of piracy, heightened by a recent ferry episode, is still with peace-loving Chinese, and, we understand is having its effect on the number of bathing excursions. For Chinese do not care to make fairly long excursions with the fear of attack always in mind. It has been suggested that some plan of action be formulated of a co-operative nature. Bathing is a feature of summer existence in Hongkong and should not be curtailed. It is suggested that there should be a "clearing house" where Clubs and others might make known their Sunday excursions, with a view to co-operating in the matter of safety, and if possible, that where, say, two parties are going to the same place, they arrange to convey the other—starting at the same time, and leaving at the same time—keeping each other in view on the outward and return journey. It may seem to some a puny-stricken idea, but it is pointed out that the ways of pirates are past all knowing, and that being the case, no opportunity should be neglected to circumvent them. Owners of steam launches are guarding their own interests. We are told by refusing to hire out their boats to strangers.

Abbott.

Some have prefixed a perfectly good name with another called "Dare-devil." Certainly, if getting an old aeroplane and overhauling it and getting it up aloft is anything to go by, "Dare-devil" is probably a correct description. But perhaps a better one than that is warranted in the circumstances—something having to do with determination and courage. Mr. Abbott certainly provided Saturday's sensation and if consciences are what they should be, letters of apology should be pouring in on him—for it is no secret that in certain quarters his abilities and that of his machine were called in question. However, the public conscience is elastic, whilst public memory is weak. It seems unlikely that an exhibition will take place at Happy Valley and all will hope for its success. But we would wish that it might be held in some wider area than the Valley. We perhaps think unduly of the first attempt that was made there. Mr. Abbott, being more expert than we pretend to be, will know better; but he has justified himself to such an extent that he should be backed up by an influential working Committee, who will organise an exhibition on sound and safe lines. What is the matter with a special "flying" holiday in connection with an exhibition to take place at Shatin? We leave it at that for the moment.

The reason given by SORRY, a miner for thrashing his wife was that he disliked the pink blouse she was wearing. She was in the pink but he was in the blues.

Of twenty-five dinosaur's eggs found in the Gobi desert, several have been sold for over £1,000 each, and an expedition has started to look for more. We are unable to state if any of our local Brokers are of the party.

The defendant in a recent case at Bloomsbury complained that his mother-in-law wrote poetry. Probably without rhyme or reason.

A famous pianist recently had to abandon a recital because he hurt one of his fingers.

The man who said it was a mere digital has been killed.

It is suggested that some of our statues should be taken down and washed. The idea leaves us stone cold.

An American Professor is to fire a rocket which he hopes will reach the moon. We have known of people shooting the moon without this device.

"Thirteen" proved to be a very lucky THIRTEEN, number at a white drive, organized by the Selby branch of the Union of Postal Workers in aid of the local hospital. A novelty prize consisted of a sitting of eggs from prize birds for the player sitting the longest at any table.

The winner was Mrs. Eleanor Pearson, Lynton Cottage, Bondgate, Selby, and she sat at the same table in the last 13 hands of the drive.

The table was No. 13. The prize was the 13th. There were 13 eggs in the sitting. It was the winner's 13th whilst drive. Her name has 13 letters. So has the name of her house. Her street number is 13. Street and town together have 13 letters.

Naturally enough, the late Lionel Monckton's house-hold effects are rich in operatic scores and theatrical souvenirs. But he had many other tastes. As a bookman Monckton was devoted to Stevenson, and also collected things like Dr. Syntax, A. Beckett of "Ranch," Bohemian journals, such as "The Mask" and the enterprising illustrations of Leech, Rowlandson, &c. He was a sound judge of Chinese porcelain, and had some excellent specimens of the Kien Lung, the Khang-hai, and Ming periods.

The very latest MOUTHS IN FICTION. May Sinclair's "A Cure of Souls" we read: "She had a small, tenderly inquisitive face, with a thin, waving mouth, a thought too wide for it." The heroine of Mrs. Belloc Lowndes's exciting story, "The Terrible Mystery," has a mouth "too large for beauty." Mr. W. B. Maxwell follows the fashion, for he says of Evelyn Glover, in "The Day's Journey," "Her mouth, although too large." All this is a natural reaction against eyes and lips which have been overdone. But it is time feminine characters were again in fiction, for though hidden in real life they are a great index to character.

Our Portuguese friends may not like this. It is from a London paper:—

TOMBSTONE. Portuguese avia-ambitious than our own, are essaying merely to fly from Lisbon to Macao, the utmost limit of their country's Empire. The little Chinese island has belonged to Portugal for over four centuries, but has always been so largely populated by Chinese that much of its area is covered with the tombs of their ancestors, and to avoid landing on some of them may be work of difficulty to the pilots of the present expedition.

A 1646 FOOTBALL. Things were quite comfortable for Cup Final enthusiasts in the Wembley Stadium. Last year's fiasco, however, was not a novelty in the history of football, for we read in the 1646 diary of Adam Eyr, a Roundhead warrior: "I went to Borthill to see a match played at the football between Peniston and Thurlston, but the crowd hindered the sports so that nothing was done."

The following, from a FISHY? London paper, may or may not be true. It has a fishy smell about it:—An advertisement inserted in a Hongkong paper produced a curious reply from a Chinaman. As a humorous specimen of Chinese-English the advertiser sent it to a friend of his ("H.C.P., of Hornsey"). "I am."

"It is for my personal benefit that I write for a position in your honourable firm. I have a flexible brain that will adapt itself to your business, and in consequence bring good efforts to your honourable selves. My education was impressed upon me in the Peking University, in which place I graduated Number One. I can drive a typewriter with good noise, and my English is great."

"My references are of the good, and should you hope to see me they will be read by you with great pleasure."

"My last job has left from me, for the good reason that the large man is dead. It was on account of no fault of mine."

"So, Honourable Sirs, what about it?"

"If I can be of use to you, I will arrive on some date that you should guess."

Widow's Is. 9d. Among the letters recently received by the Chancellor of the Exchequer was one from a poor widow enclosing 1s. 9d.

She explained that during the war, when milk was every difficult to get, she stole a tin of condensed milk from an Army canteen. The matter had lain on her conscience ever since.

She had struggled hard to save the money and at last she succeeded. "I think," said Mr. Snowden in the House of Commons, "we might say, using the words of a great English writer, that the recording angel dropped a tear and blotted out her offence for ever." (Cheers.)

As a contrast to the THE "Poor Widow's" confession, Mr. Snowden read this letter from a conscience-stricken taxpayer:—

Dear Sir—I once defrauded you of £5. Remorse gnaws my conscience. I am sending you 5/- When the remorse gnaws again I will send you some more.

Thelma, an active person of six, resented the suggestion that she was tired. "But don't you ever go to sleep?" they asked her. Thelma shook her head. "Only when I'm not looking," she replied.

To-day's Poem.

(To the Cuckoo.)
Hail, beautiful stranger of the grove!
Thou messenger of Spring!
Now Heaven repairs thy rural seat,
And woods thy welcome sing.

What time the daisy decks the green,
Thy certain voice we hear;
Hast thou a star to guide thy path,
Or mark the rolling year?

Delightful visitant! With thee
I hail the time of flowers,
And hear the sound of music sweet
From birds among the bowers.

Oh, could I fly, I'd fly with thee!
We'd make, with joyful wing,
Our annual visit o'er the globe,
Companions of the Spring.

—John Logan.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 2.
1800. A cold dry windy morning was accompanied by Mrs. Nicholson as far as Rydale. This was very kind, but God be thanked, I want not Society by a moonlit lake. —Dorothy Wordsworth.

CRABBED AGE AND YOUTH.

All sorts of allowances are made for the illusions of youth; none, or almost none, for the disenchantments of age. It is held to be a good taunt, and somehow or other to clinch the question logically, when an old gentleman waggles his head and says:—"Ah, so I thought when I was your age." It is not thought an answer at all if the young man retorts: "My venerable sir, so I shall most probably think, when I am yours." And yet the one is as good as the other: pass for pass, tit for tat, a Roland for an Oliver.

—R. L. Stevenson.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 2.—Coronet Theatre; "Neighbours."
June 2.—The Star Theatre; A Chapter in "Her Life."
June 2.—World Theatre; "The Girl Who Ran Wild."
June 2.—Queen's Theatre; Billie Dove in "Youth to Youth."
June 7.—Whitsuntide Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

June 12.—Mr. William Heughan, well known Basco-Baritone, will sing at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.

June 7-9.—Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club.

June 5.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, one Cleveland 5-seater motor car 6-cylinders, noon.

June 6.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

June 11.—Lammert Bros., at the premises of the H.K. Tramway Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Road, East, steam driver electric generating plant, 8 p.m.

June 6.—Bible-study circle at Helena May Institute, conducted by Rev. G. R. Lindsay, (open to all women), 10.30 a.m.
June 7.—Half-Yearly meeting of Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, Hongkong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.
June 11.—Second annual meeting of the Peak Residents' Assoc. at Peak Club, 6.15 p.m.

The Need Is Very Urgent. An act of desecration of the tomb of the late Sir John Lubbock, the first Governor of Hongkong, was committed on Sunday last. The tomb is situated in the cemetery at the foot of the Peak. The tomb is a simple structure of stone, and is surrounded by a low wall. The tomb is in a very good state of preservation, and is a fine example of the architecture of the time. The tomb is a very important monument, and it is very important that it should be protected. The tomb is a very important monument, and it is very important that it should be protected.

EXCELLENT IDEA.

VOLUNTEER PROTECTION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, May 31. Encouraged by the success met with by similar movements at Kongmoon, San Wui city and elsewhere, the San Ning (Toy Shan) merchants are organising their own Militia, i.e., volunteers for protecting the civil population.

The strike engineered by the silk merchants as a protest against a proposed levy, is still serious at Yung Ki in the Shun Tak district. In the normal course of affairs, Chinese silver coins are in strong demand for payment for silk cocoons. This stoppage has meant appreciable reduction in turnover, hence the lack of demand for Canton silver currency. As a consequence the premium on Hongkong notes is soaring. It now stands at about 24 per cent whereas in previous years—at the height of the silk season—it was only about 15 or 16 per cent. The cocoon business is being carried on as usual at Pakka. Rain has continued to fall and the river is higher.

ANOTHER PIRACY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PAKKA, KONGMOON, May 31. Another tow-boat junk-ferry was pirated on May 28. This was the "Kwong On" plying between Canton and Kung Yick which was attacked near Ngung Gor Tsui (Parrot's Pass?) by two armed pirates.

[Kung Yick is a town at the confluence of two large creeks in the Sunning district and cannot be confused with either Kongmoon or Hekshan to which places the tow-boat which was rescued by the "Tarantula," ply in addition to Canton.] It is therefore presumed that this piracy is not the one which was reported in Friday's issue as the locality mentioned was Ma Ling Bar.—Ed.—China Mail.]

H.A.P.S.

SILVER MINE BAY OUTING.

Yesterday proved ideal for the Hongkong Amateur Photographic Society's outing to Silver Mine Bay. Fifty-four comprised the party and a special launch was engaged to do the trip. As usual the organization was perfect. A band discoursed Chinese Music and enlivened the proceedings whilst an excellent tiffin and tea was served. The bay is ideal for bathing and this was indulged in, as well as the taking of many photographs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Board of Education will not meet on Wednesday.

The Sanitary Board is to meet to transact 15 items of business on Wednesday next.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 17th amounted to 92,939 tons and the sales to 80,207 tons.

A wreck off Junk Rock has been reported by the master of the China Merchants s.s. "Kwangie," which came back from Canton yesterday evening.

During a recent trip from Canton to Hongkong, on the s.s. "Fatsun," Kwan Chung, aged 28, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the water. He was rescued by several coolies aboard.

St. John's Cathedral Church Notes for June, in its new dress contains some excellent matter. There is an excellent article called "Youth in Hongkong" and letters to the Editor by Sir I Wen and the Rev. T. B. Powell.

The result of the draw in the Raffle in Aid of The French Convent Orphanage started by the late Mrs. Frost, is as follows:—
1st. Prize Ticket No. 151.
2nd. " " " 69.
3rd. " " " 107.
4th. " " " 10.

The Chancellor and Governing Body of the University of Hongkong have issued an invitation for a Convocation to be held for conferring Degrees on Monday 10th June. There will be Tea at four o'clock and the Degree Ceremony will take place at 5 o'clock.

What is probably the biggest photodrama ever made at Hollywood comes to the World Theatre under the title of "The Dancer of the Nile." Made under the direction of William P. S. Earle and featuring Carmel Myers, Malcolm MacGregor and June Elvidge, the production covers in a dramatic way the period of Egypt when King Tut was a young man and proves that the desires and ambitions of those ancient days were much the same as ours of today.

CHEFOO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHEFOO, May 22.

Since I last wrote the weather has been rapidly warming up, and as I write there is a heavy thunderstorm in progress; this ought to cool us down as the last few days have been very oppressive.

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Coulthard, and their daughter, Miss Josephine Coulthard, left here on the 8th inst. for Home, via Canada. Mr. Coulthard has been the Secretary of the China Inland Mission Schools here for a good number of years, and both he and Mrs. Coulthard will be greatly missed by their many friends. Rev. H. E. V. Andrews has taken over the Secretaryship.

The Chefoo Spring Gymkhana was held on the West Beach on the 9th and 10th inst., and was favoured with delightful weather, which greatly contributed to making it a grand success. Honours were very evenly divided, Mr. Swane winning three races, including one a dead heat with Mrs. Ralton. Messrs. Ralton, Hogg, Kay and Villers each won two events; also Mrs. Ralton. Mr. Swane on Jacksnipe was the Champion, as quite a number expected.

On the 14th inst. the C.I.M. Preparatory School held their annual Sports. The Sports commenced at 4 p.m. in lovely weather, and the kiddies and the spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The race that caused most enjoyment and amusement to all was the race for Gentlemen visitors, won by Messrs. Booth and Nipps. The Pendant awarded to the boy with most points was won by Paul Ditley, who also won last year. Ditley will be moving up into the Boys' School this Autumn, and ought to shine on the Racing Track there too.

The first Cricket match between the Chefoo Cricket Club and the C.I.M. Boys' School took place last Saturday, 17th inst., when the School just beat the others by 11 runs. The Settlement battled first, making a total of 87, a fine 30 being contributed by Mr. Graham. Mr. Ford, who was also expected to make a big score, was very well caught out by Gould before he had reached double figures. When the School went in it looked as if the Settlement were in for a fairly easy win, the first four wickets falling for a very low score. Mr. J. N. Duncan and G. Vale however saved the situation, Vale making 38 runs. The Settlement fielding was very good, excellent catches made by Messrs. Sugden and Burke Close. Vale secured most wickets for the Boys, and Mr. Ford for the Settlement team.

Next Saturday being Empire Day there will be no Match as the School Field is to be used for Sports for the Chefoo children, with a few events for the grown-ups.

Mr. and Mrs. Row and their daughter, Miss Maude Row, left to-day for Home via Canada, on home leave. Mr. and Mrs. Row are connected with the C.I.M.; Mrs. Row having had charge of the Sanatorium. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have come here to take their places.

We are still without a local paper, but there is hope of one from the beginning of next month. One begins to realize that a paper even in a small place like this is quite a useful thing, once one is without one, although when in existence one calls it a "Rag" and other uncomplimentary things.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

IMPENDING DEPARTURE.

Professor and Mrs. R. K. M. Simpson are leaving on long vacation on the 4th inst., with the best wishes of students and friends alike. Professor Simpson has been lecturer in English at the University. If ever the University Extension Lecture idea comes into being, he may be said to have suggested it. Not in so many words, but by his willingness at all times to deliver lectures—principally on literary subjects—to the public. The Helena May Institute and the Union Church Guild in particular lose in him a very great friend. Professor Simpson has also been a member of the Hongkong Book Club from its inception; a supporter of the A.D.C. (his introductions to A.D.C. programmes and criticism of their productions will be remembered) his acting in "The Tempest" of "Caliban" proved an interesting study. Many in the Colony owe interest to the plays of Shaw and Galsworthy, to his penetrating lectures. At the moment Professor Simpson is suffering from slight indisposition, and it is hoped the sea voyage will tend to a speedy restoration to health.

CHINA SUGARS.

THEIR UPWARD TENDENCY.

One denomination of stock which is causing considerable stir on the share market is the China Sugar Refinery scrip. "Non-Speculator," writing to the China Mail on Friday last says:—

"From present indications a boom in China Sugars is promised the shares having jumped 20 points in the last ten days. I understand that a syndicate, headed by an official of one of the Chinese Banks, is making a corner in these shares."

The China Mail is not concerned with the speculative—by this is meant the conjecture—part of the business. A few self-evident facts are re-counted for the general public.

On May 20, China Sugars were quoted by one of the exchanges at \$20 sellers and it was then rumoured that business had been done at \$20. Today's quotation of the same association is \$24. All along there does not seem to have been any appreciable turnover in cash transactions, a remarkable discrepancy in buyer and seller quotations giving the impression of few shares being available.

However, the point we wish to make is that there is little in the sugar market barometer to explain the intricacies to an outsider. Hongkong agents of Java sugar merchants are accepting, or rather canvassing orders, for a grade known as No. 24, rough white for delivery in July at \$2 per picul (133-1/3 lbs.) below official quotations for "spot" sales. To a layman this can only convey the impression that sugar merchants expect the new crop which generally reaches in Hongkong in June or July each year will be fairly plentiful, or in other words, there will be no hot demand for sugar.

True it may be argued that this grade of sugar has no bearing on the "China Sugar" product. Nevertheless it is still agreed that in "No. 18 rough brown," the grade which local refineries are said to buy in large quantities for making their products, there has been no appreciable rise to justify the recent jump in the value of shares. It must also be stated that rumours are in the air regarding projected or completed property transactions which will justify the difference indicated by the appreciation of 30 points in a fortnight.

ANOTHER SCRAP.
BORDER FIGHTING.

On Friday last the pro-Chan and pro-Sun troops close to the New Territories border had another scrap. This time they were a good distance from the boundary. Also it must be stated that the description of guerilla warfare would be an exaggeration as small detachments only made spasmodic efforts here and there and quickly ceased fire as soon as it was realised that the objective would not be gained and there was a chance of some of the troops being hit by random shots.

It is gathered that the pro-Sun detachment of Hanman troops under General Fan Chang-shun are on their way to Samchun (the railway terminus across the railway bridge) which they will make into a base for the right wing of Dr. Sun's projected offensive on the Chan Kwang-ming strongholds behind the East River and extending to Swatow. Hitherto small batches of Chan's soldiers have made raids on the railway, a sortie on May 1 meeting with success but later ones being repulsed. These hill-fighters are said to have felt that with the coming of the well-trained and well-equipped Honanese army there would be little chance of further raids so they decided to make a final effort on Friday at sunrise. The pro-Sun irregulars on the spot managed to hold their positions and the attackers gave up after firing intermittently for a few hours.

The entraining of the Honanese men for the front means that some real fighting is due shortly on that part of the border between the main line of the railway and Shi Tau Kok as the Honanese are expected to advance in that direction. Latest reports state that the main troop is at Ping Wu (the native village of the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak, 40 miles from Samchun) and the vanguard is already at Samchun.

One fact is worth mentioning in that it is peculiar to reports of Chinese military. The Honanese are well-disciplined and have never been unfavourably mentioned as bivouacking in villages and forcibly taking stores and food. Everywhere they have passed so far they did not fraternise with the civil population and were orderly to the extreme. This is all the more remarkable as the army is said to comprise, mainly, ex-bandits from the North who were pardoned and then recruited.

WASTING MONEY.

GOVERNMENT BUILDING DELAY.

Attention having been drawn by correspondents to the peculiar conditions prevailing in the erection of the building for the new fire headquarters and other Government departments, the "China Mail" sought the assistance of a well-known architect this morning and in the course of his interesting remarks he made some rather unique observations from the public's point of view.

He surmised that the steel work came out from Home to be erected here under the supervision of the Public Works Department. In his opinion, if the work was a piece of private enterprise it would have dovetailed better. By this he meant that there would have been little or no interval between the completion of putting up the steel skeleton and the filling in of the reinforced concrete. During the time of placing into position the steel-work of each floor, a certain time had to elapse. On completion of the skeleton stage it would have been expected that the rust which had accumulated would have been scraped off. This would be followed by a coat of cement wash or anti-corrosive fluid, or better still to have put in the cement-concrete casing.

Our informant also remarked that it was not easy to understand that with the desire for the completion of the building for use, the work has not been put in hand now, of scraping off the rust and putting on the cement-concrete casing. As this is the rainy season it would be natural to expect that the rust would be dealt with and the anti-corrosive fluid used pending a decision as to the plans for the reinforced concrete part which will entail calling for bids, etc., before it is put into commission. Scraping off the rust would cost about \$2,000 and the preventive measure a few thousand more. It did seem a pity, he said, "to spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar."

Giving credit where credit was due, he added, the steel frame did bear appearances here and there of a former acquaintance with cement wash, probably of some years' duration. The steel beams and pillars, he understood, had undergone the plumbing tests satisfactorily.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

There arrived in the harbour yesterday a Norwegian ship of 150 tons known as the "Elly" which was formerly the King of Spain's yacht "Dora." She came in about 3 p.m. yesterday and is anchored in the dangerous goods anchorage off Stonecutter's as she has on board a cargo of 50 1/2 tons of gunpowder for Newchwang.

With a crew of thirteen Europeans the "Elly" left Engene (near Drobak) on March 29 and sailed from Singapore on May 24. She put into port to clean her boilers which will take about three days.

MACLAREN'S NEW PLANE.

EXPECTED AT HONGKONG TO-MORROW.

The American destroyer, "Paul Jones," with MacLaren's new plane from Tokyo aboard is expected at Hongkong to-morrow morning. The plane will then be transferred to the U.S.S. Wm. B. Preston for transit to Akyah.

WHY D'OISY DELAYED.

Peking, June 1.—Captain d'Oisy has postponed his departure for Mukden via Peitaho as the Chinese authorities desire to present him with a sword of honour this afternoon, and also because the landing ground at Peitaho is not yet ready. He leaves on Monday at the same hour.—*Reuter.*

PEKING, June 2. D'Oisy left for Peitaho at six this morning.—*Reuter.*

PEKING, June 2. D'Oisy reached Peitaho in an hour and 50 minutes and left for Mukden after an hour spent in breakfasting and refuelling. He received an enthusiastic reception from Chinese and foreigners.—*Reuter.*

RUHR STRIKE OFF.

Cologne, June 1.—The Ruhr miners' dispute has been settled. The men are to receive a 15 per cent. increase in wages and work an extra hour until September.—*Reuter.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

WASTING MONEY.

Sir,—You get a fine view from the harbour of the structure being built by the Government opposite the market in Des Vaux Road, and one can well understand your correspondent's statement that money is being wasted in not getting on with the job. But there may be a reason for all this. I give it for what it is worth, but I believe the reason for the standstill is due to the non-arrival of certain Government officials from Colombo. These are said to be supermen and able to make two coats of point do instead of three. If that is so, then we should indeed be grateful that there exists such a place as Colombo and that it is able to supply us with such able, far-sighted and wonderful men. What I hope, seriously, will be done, is that all our present Government servants—excepting the D. P. D., will be pensioned off—better still, because cheapest,—sacked, and Colombo asked to send along all their men. Please back me up. Yours, etc.,

MONEY SAVER.
Hongkong, June 1, 1924.

THE CAPTINED MISSIONARIES.

RELEASE AND RANSOM.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wichow, May 30. The Motor Launch Roanoke which was seized by pirates above Chuping on the Fu river returned this afternoon to Wichow having on board the Rev. R. A. Jaffray of the Alliance Mission and Dr. Miller. The boat was in very bad condition having been pulled about by the pirates in their endeavour to find hidden money. They had also set her kitchen on fire. The Rev. gentleman had been stripped of everything excepting the clothes they stood up in and with the exception that they looked tired and badly wanted a bath they seemed to look all right.

The Rev. Mr. Carne and Rev. Mr. Rex Reay are still held for ransom by the pirates. One of the latter gentlemen is a British subject and the other a citizen of the U.S.A.

Mr. Chamberlain of the United States Consulate, Shameen, and Mr. Grove of the British Consulate, Wichow, are stirring up the authorities in Wichow to try and effect the release of the captives, and all the foreign missionaries are working to the same end.

The amount of ransom is said to be fixed at about \$200,000 ammunition, and other incidentals, necessary to pirates.

COLOMBO NOTES.

(Not From our own correspondent.)

April 1. I have referred before to the unsettled condition of things which characterises our Civil Service. It reminds me of the story of the clergyman who was offered another appointment. His little boy was asked if his father was going to accept the offer of the new living. "Well," he said, "Father's praying and mother's packing, so you can bet your boots we're going."

It is something like that with our Civil Servants. So many have gone to Hongkong and so many hope to go—that we don't quite know where we are. Private advice from Reggie and Harold paint your fragrant harbour place as such a delightful abode—the pay and the people all that could be desired—that longing, has proved quite unsettling. Three officials have been added to your list and it is quite on the carpet that your next Colonial Secretary will come from a place where as the hymnalist has it—"Every prospect pleases."

It is assumed that the Civil Service prospect is what was in that particular writer's mind. More anon.

COAL STEALING.

An interesting case concerning an early hour expedition by the police against coal-stealers in the harbour was heard at the Marine Court by Lieut. Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R., the Marine Magistrate.

Two masters of fishing boats were charged with not having the required permit and depositing substance in the waters of the Colony without the permission of the Harbour Master this morning. Detective Lance Sergeant Whelan gave evidence that he chased three boats and saw defendants throw coal overboard. Defendants finally upset their boats but the officers raised the craft and brought them back to custody.

The men were fined \$5 each on each charge.

EXTENSION LECTURES.

The following appears in St. John's Cathedral Notes for June. The "local newspaper" referred to is the China Mail. We understand the matter of University Extension Lectures will go a step further by the offer of a local body to shoulder the burden of organization.

[To the Editor of Cathedral Notes.]

Hongkong, May 3, 1924.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. R. R. Churchill, R.N., in a recent sermon at St. John's, advocated courses of University Extension Lectures. In an interview accorded to the representative of a local newspaper the Vice-Chancellor of the University pointed out that if such a scheme was inaugurated, a central lecture hall would be required, and some body to undertake the necessary organization. Occasional lectures have already been given on board H.M.S. "Tanar," and last winter various papers were read under the auspices of the C.E.M.S. Might I suggest, Sir, that the Church of England Men's Society at the Cathedral should make itself responsible for the necessary arrangement, if a demand exists for a course of University Extension lectures, and that the lectures should be held in the Cathedral Hall?

There are apparently no learned societies in Hongkong, but it would be wrong to infer that there is a paucity of intellect and no desire for cultural improvement.

I venture to think that suitable lectures would be greatly appreciated.

Yours, etc.,

—T. B. P.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

WEEK-END CASUALTIES ON POLICE REPORTS.

Several accidents were reported to Police headquarters this morning.

A ten-foot wall at the old electric company works in Star Road, Kowloon, collapsed on Saturday, and a contractor's coolie was struck in several places by the flying bricks. He was sent to hospital.

A house-boy employed at 47 Conduit Road was knocked down by a tram-car in Queen's Road West and sustained injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A quantity of earth on the hillside in Wong Nei Chong Road fell on a coolie aged fifty-five and caused injuries to various parts of his body.

The body of a thirteen year-old girl, daughter of a junk master at Tai-O, was removed to the Public Mortuary during the week-end. The girl fell off a sampan into the water.

A matted coolie was knocked down by a motor-car at Mongkok on Saturday. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

ON THE SHATIN GAP ROAD.

Highway robbery on the lonely Shatin Gap Road was reported to the Police on Thursday. As a sequel, one Ho Sing described as a bean curd maker appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that the highwayman stopped Ts Kee on the road and demanded the contents of his pockets or his life. Ts Kee was reluctant. The robber drew a dagger and attacked the man wounding him to such an extent that he was not able to appear at Court this morning. Ho Sing, it was stated, stole \$6 from Ts Kee and bolted.

The case was adjourned pending the recovery of the victim.

BOWLS.

AN INTERNATIONAL TRY OUT.

The local lawn bowls season was to have been commenced on Saturday, but owing to the death of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe (President of the Lawn Bowls Association in Hongkong) all league matches were cancelled. At the Police Recreation Club, however, an interesting international one-rink match was played between representatives of England and Scotland. The match resulted in a win for England.

ENGLAND. Scotland. What. McLeod. Reynolds. Reid. Knight. D. Clark. Grimmett (Skipper). Clark (Skipper). The winning team has been challenged to a match with a team to be captained by Mr. W. Glendinning.

JAPAN'S PROTEST.

Washington, May 31.

The Japanese Ambassador Mr. Hanihara has delivered the Japanese protest against the exclusion clause of the new United States Immigration Law to Mr. Chas. E. Hughes, Secretary of State.

The Japanese protest is coupled with a request to the American Government to take all possible steps for the removal of discriminatory measures. The Note declares that international discriminations are particularly unwelcome when based on race, and the history of commercial agreements between the two countries shows that the Japanese Government sought to protect its nationals from discriminatory immigration legislation by the United States, which position is "fully understood and appreciated by the American Government."

Citing the Japanese-American treaty of 1911 the Japanese note points out that the new legislation is in entire disregard of the spirit and circumstances underlying the treaty. It concludes with a hope that the communication will be received in the same spirit of friendliness and candour as it is made.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ALLIES ADAMANT.

Paris, May 31.

The text of a long Inter-Allied note to Germany, mentioned on 28th inst., has been published. It rejects the proposal to abolish the Military Control Commission and other German suggestions. It reiterates the demand that Germany agree to a general inspection of armaments and promises that if the result is satisfactory, control will be limited to specified points and the effectiveness of the Commission will considerably be reduced; whereas if Germany persists in refusing the offer, the Allies will demand strict application of the Treaty. The Note declares that from every viewpoint the present situation cannot further be prolonged, and requests acceptance by, at the latest, June 30.—*Reuter.*

BUKHAREST EXPLOSION.

Vienna, June 1.

A traveller from Bukharest describing the disaster which occurred there recently says that the explosion of the magazine filled with shrapnel grenades was so terrific that it seemed as though every building in the city had fallen. Houses shook on their foundations while tiles and parts of facades fell into the streets. Hardly a single pane of glass was left unbroken throughout the city. The eyewitness adds that the people of Bukharest are convinced that the disaster was the work of Communists.—*Reuter.*

"WORK OF COMMUNISTS"?

Lukharest, May 29.

(Delayed by the Censor). An official communique says that the explosions of the munitions began at night and set fire to three magazines, several support-depots, army workshops, a block of barracks and a number of private houses. Prompt measures by the authorities saved a great quantity of munitions and restricted the fire to one area. The ammunition store destroyed was only one of many possessed by the army; thus no great disaster occurred. Four were killed and 20 wounded. The report that a shell fell on the Royal Palace is untrue.—*Reuter.*

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

PEKING, May 31.

After months of most critical negotiations, China and Russia have signed the agreement whereby the former recognises the Soviet. The agreement provisionally settles the fate of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the management of which is placed in the hands of Russia, who takes over the Railway's debts.

China restores all Russian Government property. The Soviet Socialist Republic is to allocate the Russian share of the Boxer Indemnity to a fund for the education of Chinese.

China undertakes not to transfer the Russian concessions in China wholly or partly to a third power. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics recognises Chinese sovereignty in Outer Mongolia and agrees to withdraw Soviet troops from Mongolia.

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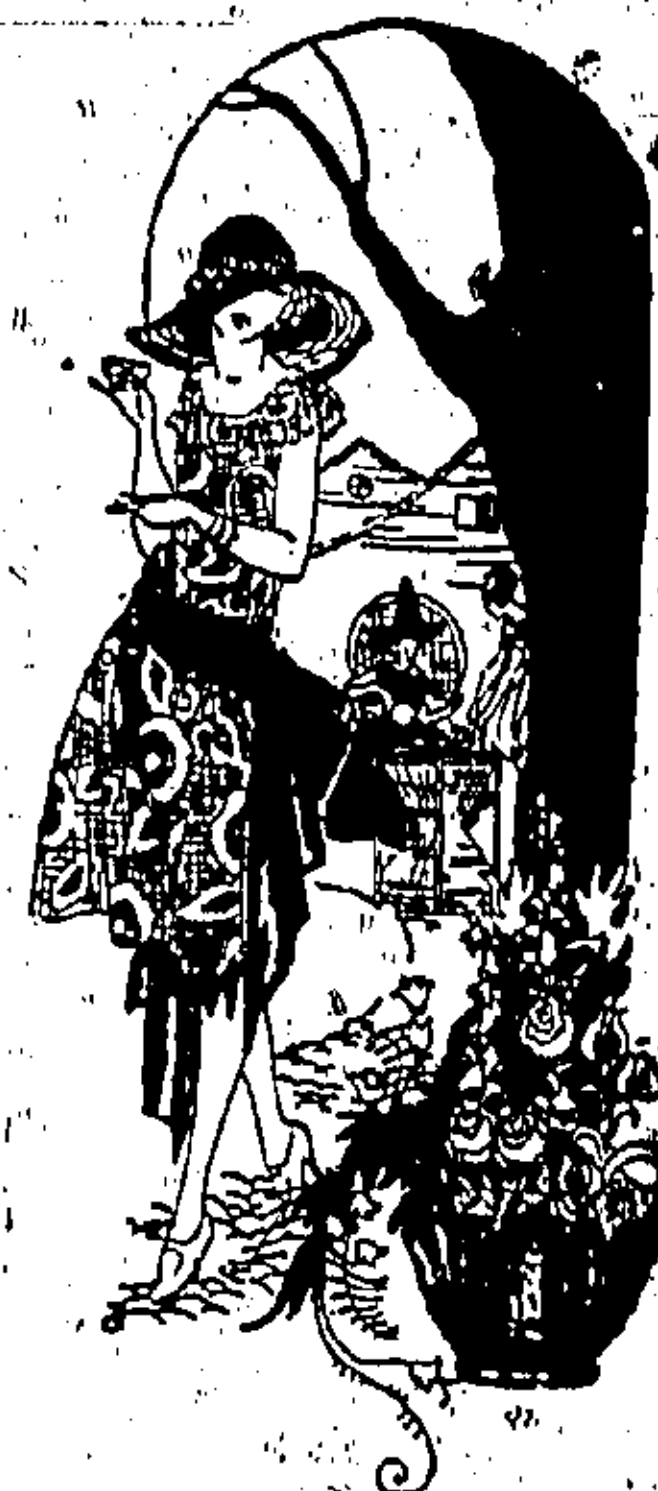
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"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	MARSHALLS, Londen & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	20th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"SOUDAN"	6,686	9th July	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"KARMALA"	8,898	12th July	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,941	25th June	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,092	8th Aug.	MARSHALLS, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	8,813	22nd Aug.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"MANTUA"	10,942	23rd Aug.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"NAGOYA"	8,854	30th Aug.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	10,941	4th Sept.	S'pore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KALVAN"	8,118	6th Sept.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	20th Sept.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	4th Oct.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,941	16th Oct.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	8,092	12th Nov.	Marselles, London & Antwerp
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SATURDAY'S GAMES.

1ST DIVISION.

U.S.R.C. H.K. UNIVERSITY.

Bates and Smith defeated	8-3
Forster and Hett	10-1
defeated Yue and Wong	8-3
defeated Peterson & Hung	8-3
Worthington and Chippen-	
dale lost to Forster and	
Hett	3-8
defeated Yue and Wong	8-3
defeated Peterson & Hung	10-1
Henslowe and Allfree lost	
to Forster and Hett	2-9
defeated Yue and Wong	7-4
defeated Peterson & Hung	6-5
Total	62-37

C.R.C. v. K.C.C.

Green and Lay defeated	8-3
Ho and Ho	9-2
defeated Lau and Lau	9-2
defeated Wong and Lau	7-4
Krebs and Trambitzky de-	
feated Ho and Ho	6-5
lost to Lau and Lau	5-6
lost Wong and Lau	5-6
Hyde and Fincher lost to	
Ho and Ho	5-6
defeated Lau and Lau	6-5
defeated Wong and Lau	6-5
Total	57-42

2ND DIVISION.

CLUB DE REC. v. C.C.C. (B)

Noronha and Assumpcao	
defeated Abbey and	
Hyder	10-1
defeated Modi and Cordeiro	8-3
defeated Thomson and	
Gomes	7-4
Soares and Osmond beat	
Abbey and Hyder	8-3
defeated Modi and Cordeiro	7-4
defeated Thomson and	
Gomes	9-2
Hyndman and Barros de-	
feated Abbey and Hyder	7-4
defeated Modi and Cordeiro	5-6
defeated Thomson and	
Gomes	10-1
Total	71-28

K.C.C. (A) v. K.C.C. (B)

Jones and Green lost to	
Dryden and Bishop	3-8
defeated Brown and Savage	6-5
lost to Woodward and De	
Quivercourt	4-7
Pinguet and Oliver lost to	
Dryden and Bishop	5-6
defeated Woodward and	
De Quivercourt	6-5
defeated Brown and Savage	8-3
Ramsey and Mason defeated	
Woodward and De Quiver-	
court	7-4
defeated Brown and Savage	10-1
defeated Dryden and	
Bishop	6-5
Total	55-44

C.R.C. (A) v. I.R.C. (B)

Yew and Yew defeated A.	
and N. B. Kitchell	8-3
defeated Hamid and Arculli	8-3
defeated Mohammed and	
Cassumbhoy	6-5
(defeated) Leung and Chan	
A. and N. B. Kitchell	9-2
defeated Hamid and Arculli	7-4
defeated Mohammed and	
Cassumbhoy	9-2
Kowk and Lau defeated A.	
and N. B. Kitchell	8-3
defeated Hamid and Arculli	8-3
defeated Mohammed and	
Cassumbhoy	6-5
Total	69-30

C.S.C. II. v. N.T.C.

Best and Gillow defeated	
Soltenius and de Louls	6-5
defeated Groot and	
Staargard	7-4
lost to Egmond and Bon-	
nerman	5-6
Hollidge and Wood lost to	
Egmond and Bonnerman	4-7
lost to Soltenius and de	
Louls	5-6
Shepherd and Luch defeated	
Egmond and Bonnerman	6-5
defeated Groot and Staar-	
gard	7-4
defeated Soltenius and de	
Louls	7-4
Total	50-49

ABBOTT FLIES.

SATURDAY'S EXCITEMENT.

On Saturday, Mr. H. W. Abbott "went up" three times. He may have exceeded that number, but we certainly know of three. And each time he provided a beautiful sight as he "mounted the winds." He carried Mr. R. Earnshaw as a passenger.

Leaving the Kowloon reclamation he flew over Kowloon Bay to North Point, turning west over the Polo ground, Happy Valley, Central District and from thence to Kennedy Town.

After executing various manoeuvres to test the general stability of his machine he then returned to Kowloon after circling Tsim Sha Tsui and Yaumati and made a perfect landing on the reclamation. Mr. Abbott expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the tests he subjected the machine to whilst carrying a passenger although he mentioned having a "bumpy" trip whilst a strong variable wind was encountered.

It is interesting to know that Mr. Abbott has been granted full permission by the Captain Superintendent of Police to carry out flying exhibitions. The first of his stunts was to have been held to-morrow, June 3, (King's Birthday) weather permitting, but since these lines were penned an accident has occurred to the machine making repairs essential.

The result of the tests carried out so successfully speaks volume for Mr. Abbott and his little band of helpers who have always stuck by him in spite of the doubts expressed in some quarters at his ability to fly.

The oil used in the machine was "Mobil" supplied by the Vacuum Oil Co.

V.R.C.

FIRST EVENING FETE.

The first of the Evening Summer Fêtes was held at the baths on Saturday evening, and, as anticipated, was an unqualified success, reflecting great credit on all concerned.

The following are the results:

1. TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP.

1st. D. Ogilvie.

2nd. S. Ogilvie.

Time: 32 1/5 secs.

2. TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP.

(Boys).

1st. A. Bliss.

2nd. B. Gosano.

Time: 32 secs.

3. TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP.

(Ladies).

1st. Miss. B. George.

2nd. Miss. Blunsdon.

3rd. Miss. E. Bliss.

Time: 42 1/5 secs.

4. TWO LENGTHS HANDICAP.

(Girls).

1st. Ena Allen.

2nd. Martha Gourley.

Time: 37 4/5 secs.

5. HIGH DRIVE.—(Three Tries)

open to the Colony.

1st. W. G. Unruh (99 points).

2nd. C. MacKenzie.

3rd. A. Kitchell.

Time: 31 secs.

6. SERVICE RACE.—Two Lengths

Handicap.

1st. Humberston.

2nd. Hannon.

Time: 31 secs.

7. ONE LENGTH TEAM RACE.

1st. G. R. Razavi.

2nd. Botelho, J. Kent, A. G.

Botelho, D. Ogilvie, J. Hand.

Dancing was indulged in at the close of the contest to the strains of the Quaver's Band.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.
AMATEUR TOURNAMENT
FINAL.

LONDON, May 31.

The Amateur Golf Championship final at St. Andrews was won by E. Holderness of Walton Heath, the 1922 champion, who beat E. Storey, the Cambridge University Captain, by 3 up and 2 to play.

The weather was bleak. A sensational start was made. Storey, holding out a fifteen yard putt. He turned three up and was four up at the eleventh where Holderness missed a yard putt. Then Storey had a bad patch of faulty driving. Holderness improved and finished the morning round one down.

Storey, in the afternoon, began badly and went from bunker to bunker. Holderness squared the match at the second and halved the third. Holderness taking the lead at the fourth for the first time. The fifth and sixth were halved and Holderness won the seventh with a beautiful approach in three. He was bunkered and lost the ninth, and turned one up. Storey squared the match at the eleventh and Holderness won the twelfth. He was bunkered but halved the thirteenth and won the fourteenth.

He halved the fifteenth. Storey in the sixteenth pulled his drive amongst the spectators and Holderness running up to within ten feet of the pin won the hole and the match.—*Reuter.*

LONDON, May 31.

At Leeds, the Thousand Guineas Professional golf tournament final was won by Fred Robson, of Cooden Beach, who beat A. Compston, North Manchester, at the fortieth hole.—*Reuter.*

THE WANCHAI MONUMENT.

NAVAL MEN'S ACTION.

Late on Friday night, some eighteen British and United States bluejackets arrived to clear the site of the monument at Happy Valley and otherwise repair the deplorable state of neglect into which the memorial had been allowed to fall for many years past.

Working with a will, the sailors plied picks and shovels in clearing away the stones and rubbish that littered the monument. Big blocks of wood that had been dumped against it were also removed. The next proceeding was to wash down the monument itself with water. The whole work was completed by about 12.30 on Saturday morning, having taken upwards of an hour.

SHANGHAI SENSATIONS.

PRISON CONDITIONS

QUESTIONED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, May 30.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, solicitor for Oscar Mathias, has been called upon in the Mixed Court to retract statements regarding his client's alleged ill-treatment while detained in custody in connection with civil proceedings. Mr. Goldring complained that his client was confined in conditions little short of torture and that he might go out of his mind shortly if detained in such quarters. Mr. E. T. Maitland, police prosecutor, described the statements as wild, irresponsible, and untrue, tending to bring the model settlement into disrepute. The bench undertook to visit the cell and adjourned the case.

GOVERNMENT HOUSES.

LONDON, May 31.

Official details of the Government's housing scheme show that it is to build 2,500,000 houses in fifteen years. The contributions by the State and Local Authorities would total £1,376,000,000 spread over fifty years; the State's share being £926,000,000. Ninety thousand houses would be built in the coming year, rising to 225,000 yearly in 1934.—*Reuter.*

THE "DEATH RAY."

RIGHTS BELONG TO ENGLISH.

FIRM.

LONDON, June 1.

A message from Paris says it has been decided by Grindell Matthews to transfer his death ray rights to an English company with a capital of £350,000, where-with tests will be carried out on a large scale.—*Reuter.*

OLYMPIC GAMES.

MORE "SOCCER" RESULTS.

Paris, June 1.

In the third round of the Olympic Games Association football, Sweden beat Egypt by 6 goals to nil and Uruguay beat France 5-1.

WORLD FLYWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, May 31.

In a match for the World's Flyweight Championship, Pancho Villa, the holder, decisively outpointed Frankie Ash.

Villa frantically tried a knock out in the closing rounds. In the thirteenth it appeared he might succeed, but Ash pluckily survived, though several times staggering about. The Englishman often countered, but his blows carried no force. Villa was warned several times for using a backhand punch and hitting after the bell had sounded. There were ten thousand spectators.

Villa carried a relentless attack on Ash throughout the fifteen rounds, winning each easily. Villa weighed 112 lbs. and Ash 110 1/2 lbs.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ENGLISH MARATHON.

LONDON, May 31.

McLeod Wright (Scotland) won the Polytechnic London to Windsor marathon in 2 hours, 53 minutes and 17 1/5 seconds. Ferris, of the Air Force, was second in 2 hours, 54 minutes and 3 seconds and Mills, of the Polytechnic third in 3 hours, 2 minutes, 46 seconds. Eighty started. The race was recognised as an official Olympic trial.—*Reuter.*

Helsingfors, May 31.—A new

government has been formed, M. Lagmann taking the Premiership and portfolio of Education, and M. Procope that of Foreign Affairs.—*Reuter.*

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The

Senate has reconsidered and ratified without previous reservation the treaty with Britain for the preservation of the halibut fisheries of the North Pacific, including the Behring Sea.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TO-DAY'S

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Hongkong, 2nd June, 1924.

G. R.

HOW KING TUT CAME TO THE

THRONE OF EGYPT.

Recent discoveries made by the late Lord Carnarvon in

the land of the Sphinx prove the existence, thousands of years ago, of one of the "missing links" in the chain of Egyptian dynasties. The founder of this dynasty, King Tut-ankh-amen, was the identical cruel Pharaoh of the Old Testament, who was responsible for the exodus from Egypt of the Hebrew slaves.

Thousands of years ago, before the desire for power and

wealth had hardened his heart, he was the "Rudolph" of his day. He was then as graceful and upright as a young palm tree, with the honey colour of his skin enhanced by the careful application of kohl and henna. He turned the heads of all the maidens and won the hand of Pharaoh's daughter. This was no mean coup for an insignificant prince, for he gained a beautiful bride and became monarch of a vast empire.

But there is one little point to consider. He came within

the turn of a fickle dancing girl's heart, of being a complete nonentity! This girl—her name was Arvia—was a court celebrity, and was called "The Dancer of the Nile." Her story is told with singular beauty in the picture of the same title that is coming to the World Theatre on Wednesday next.

It was this way: Prince Tut-ankh-amen had a rival for the

hand of the Princess, a prince of Syria, called Karmit. Karmit was a hero. He had rescued the Princess from a band of thieves. Now the Princess may have been a Princess, but she was first and last a woman, and consequently subject to all the foibles of logic. Like all the ladies, she "adored" heroes, and promptly fell deeply in love with Karmit. She plainly intimated to him her desire to bestow upon him merely the throne of one of the greatest empires the world had known, in exchange for—himself.

Had he agreed to this bargain, there would have been

a King Tut-ankh-amen.

Since the Fates had decreed that Prince Tut-ankh-amen

should rule over Egypt, a mere Princess could hardly prevail against them, so the lovers escaped to far Syria.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.

NOTICE.

IN connection with the King's

Birthday Ball at Government House, Guests are particularly requested—

1. Not to stop their cars or chairs to alight before reaching the steps in the front porch.

2. To send their cars or chairs away immediately after alighting.

Failure to comply with these requests will lead to considerable delay and inconvenience to other Guests.

Guests are also requested to have their visiting cards ready to hand to the Aide de Camp in Waiting before introduction to His Excellency the Governor.

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APPEAL TO HONGKONG.

After the annual procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, as the congregation started to disperse the following Appeal was distributed to the faithful—

Famine in the Weichow Districts.
In the Weichow Districts under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, thousands of Christians are on the verge of starvation.

The constant typhoons of last year, the floods and the drought that followed have ruined the harvest. The last "reserves" of the poor peasants have also been robbed by the soldiery who constantly fight in these districts. In spite of the best efforts of the missionaries, who have worked for months to relieve the distress, all their resources have now been exhausted.

We now confidently appeal to the generosity of our congregation for donations, however small, to meet this more than pressing need. All donations will be gratefully acknowledged by the undersigned and remitted at once to the missionaries in charge.

The collections made in all Churches in the Colony on the next two Sundays will be applied for the relief of the famine sufferers.

"He who gives to the poor lends to God."

A. BANCHI,
Pro-Vicar Apostolic Delegate,
Mission House,
Hongkong, 30th May, 1924.

LAUDER'S VIEWS ON FINANCE.

Talk drifted towards the political situation and the advent of a Labour Government.

"The Government's first duty must be to reduce taxation," said Sir Harry. "The burden is far too heavy. And we must get rid of the taxes."

All this time Sir Harry was shuffling a great pile of letters. At length he selected one—the familiar buff-coloured envelope which brings our income tax papers. This he held up, remarking: "Guess what this is. Super-tax! Super-tax!"

Then, with a gesture of disgust, Sir Harry threw the envelope upon the floor and put his foot upon it. "Of course I'll have to pay it," he said, "but I'm no tax payer. I could retire to-morrow and save all this."

Record Salary in London.
After a few days fishing in Aberdeenshire, Sir Harry comes back to London, where, he opens at the Victoria Palace—at a record salary.

"Tell my London friends that I've a big bunch of new songs for them," he said, "including 'I'm lookin' for a bonnie lass to love me,' which tells of the Scotsman who has made a bit of money and now wants a girl who will love him as his mother did. 'The Boss of the House,' another, tells of a man who married a widow and had rather a bad time, until her death left him free to look round for a new partner who, however, must clearly understand that he is to be 'The Boss of the House.'"

"Then there is 'Oh, how I weary, dearie,' a little love song, a study of the Glasgow 'Muldoon' character of thirty years ago, and 'Memories of Home,' a new Scots song of which these are some of the lines:
Sing us a simple melody,
Sing us a simple tune,
Take us back to Bonnie Scotland,
Where the bluebells are in bloom in June.
Sing us the songs we used to know
When we were toddlin' round."

GOLF.

HAPPY VALLEY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first round of the Happy Valley Junior Section Championship, the exception of two matches, was played off during the weekend. The following are the results:—

J. Laing beat P. Morrison, 4 and 3.
J. McCubbin walk over.
R. Clark beat B. Petheram, 2 up.
F. E. Lawrence beat E. Moore, 2 up.
G. H. Beardall beat W. Pryde, 4 and 2.
J. H. Gelling beat D. J. Brown, 3 and 2.
W. Patterson and C. A. Grimes and W. H. Edmonds and W. McKay have still to play their matches.

BOXING.

CARPENTIER "BEATEN."

Michigan City, June 1.—Tom Gibbons beat Carpentier in a ten round no-decision bout before 30,000 spectators.

Carpentier repeatedly caught Gibbons on the jaw with rights, but the American became ever more aggressive, butting the Frenchman to his corner and landing at close quarters. Carpentier sank to the floor in the ninth round, indicating that he had injured his right ankle, but he struggled gamely to his feet and continued the contest although limping badly. Gibbons weighed 121 lbs and Carpentier 121 lbs.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The match went the full ten rounds. Gibbons was Carpentier's superior in every round, sometimes chasing him round the ring. The decision in favour of Gibbons was that of newspapermen at the ringside as the law in Michigan does not permit of a decision.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH POLITICS.

[For Later Cables See Page 1.]

PARIS, May 31.

M. Herriot has sent a letter to the Socialists' leader Leon Blum, urging the Socialists to collaborate with the Radical-Socialists in the new Government. He says the country clearly desires that the electoral union between the two parties should be transformed into a government partnership, with a view to far-reaching social reforms and building up peace abroad.

The Socialist Party Congress is opening to-morrow and will discuss the letter. The general opinion is that the socialists will reject participation in the Ministry, while making their support in debate condition on M. Herriot's refusing to accept the premiership from M. Millerand.—*Reuter.*

The executive committee of the Radical and Radical-Socialist parties drafting a programme for the future government heard a statement from M. Herriot, who, the newspapers say, insisted upon the resumption of relations with the Soviets, together with a conciliation international policy, in conformity where-with M. Herriot would personally attend the September session of the League of Nations, where it is hoped he would meet Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The vexed question of the Presidency, however, is becoming more critical. The Radical-Socialist *Quotient* contradicts the reports that M. Herriot will form a Cabinet at the behest of M. Millerand; on the contrary, it states that he will only take office conditionally on the President resigning, or promising to resign as early as possible.—*Reuter.*

PORTUGUESE AVIATORS.

Simla, May 31.—The Portuguese aviators have reached Ambala, Allahabad, May 31.—The Portuguese aviators have arrived from Ambala in a D. H. 9. They left Ambala at five thirty and arrived here at ten thirty this morning. It was a good journey, with a favourable breeze.—*Reuter.*

Allahabad, June 1.—The Portuguese aviators left for Calcutta at 5.15 to-day.—*Reuter.*

Calcutta, June 1.—The Portuguese world fliers have arrived here.—*Reuter.*
[The Portuguese aviators started from Lahore on Saturday after a long delay due to their machine crashing.]

THE AMERICAN FLIGHT.

2,000 MILES FROM HONGKONG.

ANOTHER WEEK OR SO?

Tokyo, June 1.—The American planes left Kasumigaura at 6.07 a.m. this morning.
Kushimoto, June 1.—The American planes arrived at 10.32.—*Reuter.*
[The Americans are nearly at the end of the second section into which they have divided their flight. They are now about 2,000 miles from Hongkong and should be here in a week or ten days.]

FUNERAL OF THE HON. MR. A. R. LOWE.

COLONY'S TRIBUTE.

The funeral of Mr. Lowe took place on Saturday evening, and the large attendance and the scores of wreaths sent afforded eloquent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was generally held. The cortege was timed to pass the Monument at 5.30, but it was nearly half an hour later when the hearse came into view. Meanwhile a very large number of people had assembled.

As the hearse passed the Monument a procession was formed to the Cemetery. H.E. The Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) walked immediately behind the coffin, followed by his Private Secretary (Mr. Gainsford St. Lawrence), the Hon. Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E. (Colonial Secretary), and Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, (Acting Chief Justice). The coffin was of polished oak, with silver plated fittings, and the interment took place in the old residents' section of the cemetery, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., Senior Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral officiating.

Among the large crowd gathered at the graveside, in addition to the chief mourners already mentioned, were noticed Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., Colonel Russell Brown, R.E., D.S.O., Hon. Mr. C. Montague Ede, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. Chau Sui Ki, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman (Colonial Treasurer), Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Puisne Judge), Mr. S. B. B. McDermott (Clerk of Councils), Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University), Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, C.I.E. (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Messrs. J. Fleming, A. Ritchie, A. J. J. Martin, T. A. Martin, H. S. Martin, E. D. da Roza and others (of the Staff of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews), Mr. J. Owen Hughes (Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce), Mr. J. Scott Harston, Father Robert, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Messrs. T. Arthur, E. W. Carpenter, H. S. Rouse, and Yeoman of Signals Franklin (representing the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club), Messrs. C. J. Trench and A. Hamilton (representing Lawn Bowls Association), Messrs. G. M. Young, N. S. Brown, C. C. Knight, P. A. Wells, J. McHugh, Mr. MacGregor, F. W. James, J. Reid, K. E. Greig, R. M. Dyer, E. L. Hosie, Andrew Forbes, G. C. Mackie, Eldon Potters, W. L. Patenden, P. Lauder, D. E. Clark, A. Brenley, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, R. H. Hancock, H. P. Wisplow, J. Hennessy Seth, C. Bernard Brown, H. R. Phelps, N. L. Smith, W. E. L. Shenton, D. V. Stevenson, Campbell Prosser, G. K. Hall Bruton, E. Davidson, C. A. Hooper, D. H. Blake, D. J. Lewis, H. Nisbet, R. E. A. Webster, G. Grimble, E. W. Hamilton, C. D. Melbourne, P. E. Pearce, Lieut. Col. Robertson, M. M. Maas, W. E. R. J. E. Humphreys, H. A. Lammert, Capt. B. Branch, Capt. R. H. Douglas, E. A. Ram, Dr. J. H. Sanders, F. C. Hall, J. A. Plummer, W. A. Dowley, F. R. Marsh, J. W. C. Bonnar, R. T. Matheson, P. C. Potts, J. F. Wright, T. W. Hornby, A. H. White, M. F. Key, W. J. Hawker, M. Green, F. W. Gibbons, J. Robertson, P. M. Hodgson, W. H. Mansfield, W. Sinclair, W. Armstrong, E. B. Reed, B. D. F. Beith, J. P. Warren, Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake, Syme Thomson, C. Blaker, D. Gow, A. L. Shields, A. H. Hollingsworth, E. A. Hale, L. A. Blackburn, Middleton Smith, A. W. Tickle, T. M. Hazlerigg, Teesdale Mackintosh, Ho Kwong, A. S. Forsyth, D. Keith, G. T. May, and G. A. Musitano.

MR. WOODS' SUCCESSOR.

A DYING APPEAL.

[By courtesy of the Daily Bulletin.]

Tokyo, June 1.
The *Nichi-Nichi* voices "the opposition to Dr. Schurman as the successor to Mr. Cyril Woods (American Ambassador at Tokyo) not on personal grounds, but because, judging by his actions and statements while in China, the paper is of the opinion that another choice would be better "to patch up the break in the friendly relations with America."

Tokyo, May 31.
A letter addressed to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Cyril Woods, was found on the body of a man who committed "hara-kiri" this morning in the neighbourhood of the site of the American Embassy, reads as follows:—

"I appeal to the people of the United States of America through Mr. Cyril Woods, who understands and sympathizes with Japan, and the letter is signed 'A nameless subject of the Mikado.'"

The letter appeals:—
"Through death for a new Bill cancelling the exclusion clause, which has affronted Japan. I am a Japanese, and Japan has been humiliated by your country without justification. I would rather die than live to hate your people."

Tokyo, June 1.
Yesterday's suicide, which has profoundly impressed the public, is being freely commented upon as a true reflection of the nation's sentiments, though the act itself may not be commended nationally.

Mr. Okada, chief of the foreign section of the Metropolitan Police Bureau, interviewed, records his admiration for the act, which he declares bears no sign of insanity. He has instructed his subordinates to honour the remains in a manner similar to that of a battle hero.

At present the remains have not been identified.

Steps are being taken by admirers to arrange for a national funeral.

BILLIARDS FINAL.

HO KONG TONG TOURNAMENT.

At the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Saturday night, the final match in the competition for the Ho Kong Tong Cups was played, the contestants being Messrs. L. A. Osmond (Amateur Champion of Hongkong) and E. Spry.

The latter showed fine generalship, leaving the champion few opportunities of gaining effective control of his beloved red ball.

Osmond, on the other hand, was noticeably off-colour.

The best breaks were:—
Osmond (owes 325), 46, 45, 27, 26, 20, 18, 15 (twice), 14, 13 (twice).
Spry (owes 125), 35, 22 (twice), 20, 16 (twice), 15, 14, 13 (twice).

At the conclusion of the game the cups were presented by Mr. B. S. Corke to the respective winners:—

E. Spry 1
L. A. Osmond 2
F. E. Silva 3

In an effective little speech, Mr. Corke alluded to the good standard of play and excellent sportsmanship that had been witnessed throughout the competition, and made reference to the keenness of Mr. J. H. Oxberry in managing the tournament and umpiring the matches.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. David Wood and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest are passengers on the "Kniva" which left on Saturday.

Mr. Robert Ho Tung is leaving for England this week and will join his father at Wembley, after which he will make a tour of Europe.

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

POSITION AS AT MAY 31.

County.	Played.	Points obtained.	Possible points.	Percentage.
Middlesex	5	23	25	92.00
Yorkshire	5	20	25	80.00
Surrey	5	19	25	76.00
Lancashire	5	17	25	68.00
Somerset	4	13	20	65.00
Sussex	5	16	25	64.00
Leicestershire	5	14	25	56.00
Kent	5	10	25	40.00
Worcestershire	4	8	20	40.00
Warwickshire	3	6	15	40.00
Nottinghamshire	4	7	20	35.00
Glamorganshire	4	13	20	65.00
Essex	5	6	25	24.00
Derbyshire	5	4	25	16.00
Gloucestershire	4	3	20	15.00
Hampshire	4	1	20	5.00
Northamptonshire	2	0	10	

The following matches were abandoned—Surrey v. Yorkshire, and Nottingham v. Warwickshire. The following matches were not completed in the 1st innings—Northants v. Warwickshire, and Northants v. Sussex. These matches are not included in the above table.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—Futures No. 24 rough white—July delivery \$10.33, August delivery and September delivery \$10.03.
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Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—N. 1 Siam long white \$9.65, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.90.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs:—Sperry's XXX \$3.50, White Greens \$2.72, Nutmeg Orange \$2.68, Kingfisher \$2.85, Maize \$2.60, Big Gun \$2.68, Tiger Shield \$2.86, Globe \$2.60, Old Mill \$2.60, Reindeer \$2.62, Melon \$2.62, White Rose \$2.60, C. & C. \$2.68, Dayton \$2.68, Banana \$2.58, Kwan Tao \$2.65.



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What is the cause of these attacks of insomnia? The answer is to be found by analyzing for a brief while the condition of your general health. You have felt tired and dispirited during the day, work has been a trouble, people have seemed vexatious, you have not found enjoyment either in food or recreation. The fact thus becomes obvious that because of overwork, worry, or a just change, or some other reason, you have drained almost to the limit your reserve of nervous energy.

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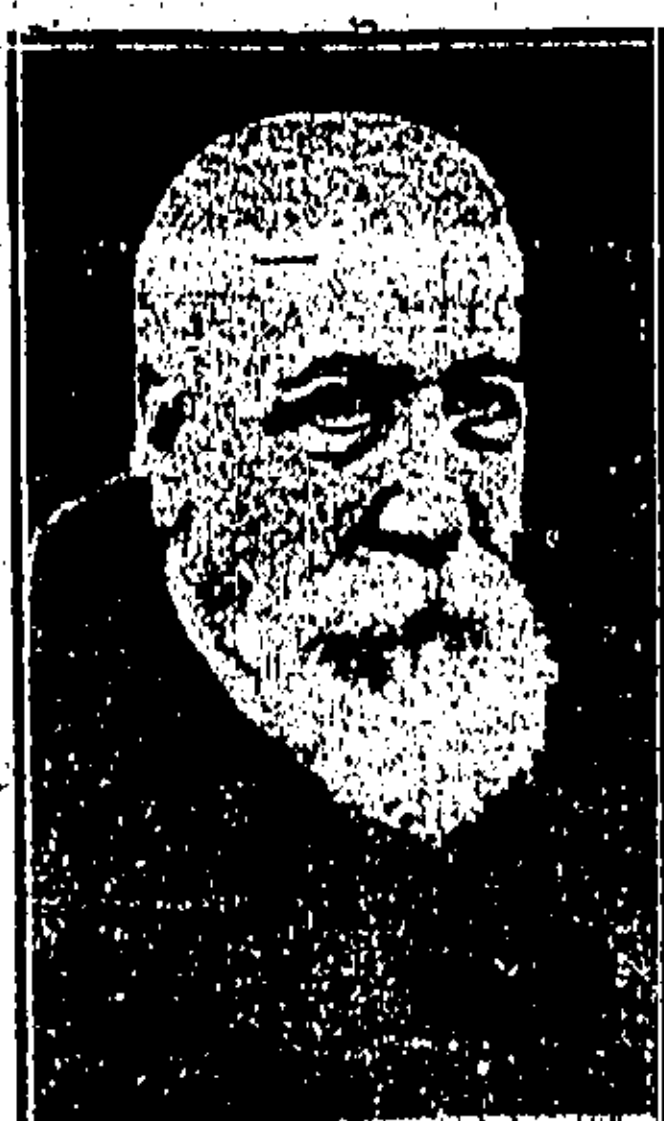
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MME. GERMAINE GRANVEAUD

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ANATOLE FRANCE

Anatole France, recognized as one of the greatest writers of his age, was photographed while receiving the honours of the French world of letters on the occasion of his 80th birthday anniversary, which he celebrated at his home in Paris.



MRS. ANNIE MATSON

Mrs. Annie Matson, an aged widow, is under arrest on a charge that she is responsible for a series of murders under "spirit orders" that came in writing. The direct charge is that she murdered her 24-year-old son recently.

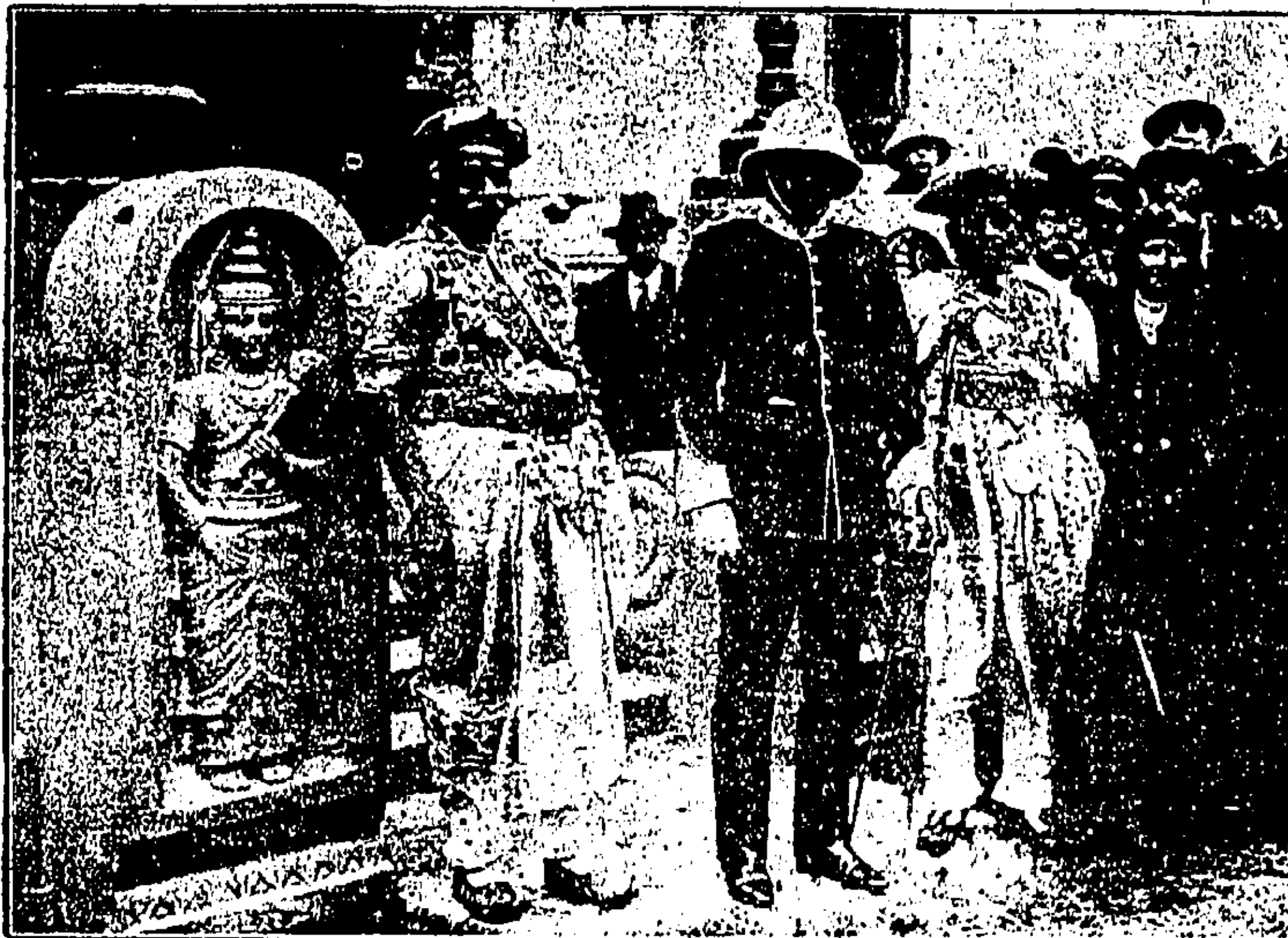


Photo by Central News. Ceylon notables were among the most striking of the many picturesque Eastern representatives at the Empire Exhibition.



MISS HELEN JESMER

Helen Jesmer of the New York Polities, went for a joy-ride with Philip Morgan Plant whose stepfather inherited \$15,000,000. The car skidded; Miss Jesmer lost the sight of an eye and suffered injuries to her face. She is now suing for \$50,000 for loss of beauty.



THEODORE GLASGOW

Theodore Glasgow, husband of Wanda Elaine Stopa, who killed a man, and then ended her life with poison, told the police he married the brilliant woman attorney several months ago, although he had reason to believe she was infatuated with Smith, a wealthy advertising agent.



Harking back to the dark ages, William D. di Giuseppe, a constable, chained his bride to him with handcuffs when he heard that practical joker friends intended to kidnap the former Miss Jeanette di Vincenzi, of Medford, immediately after their marriage. The jokers were foiled.

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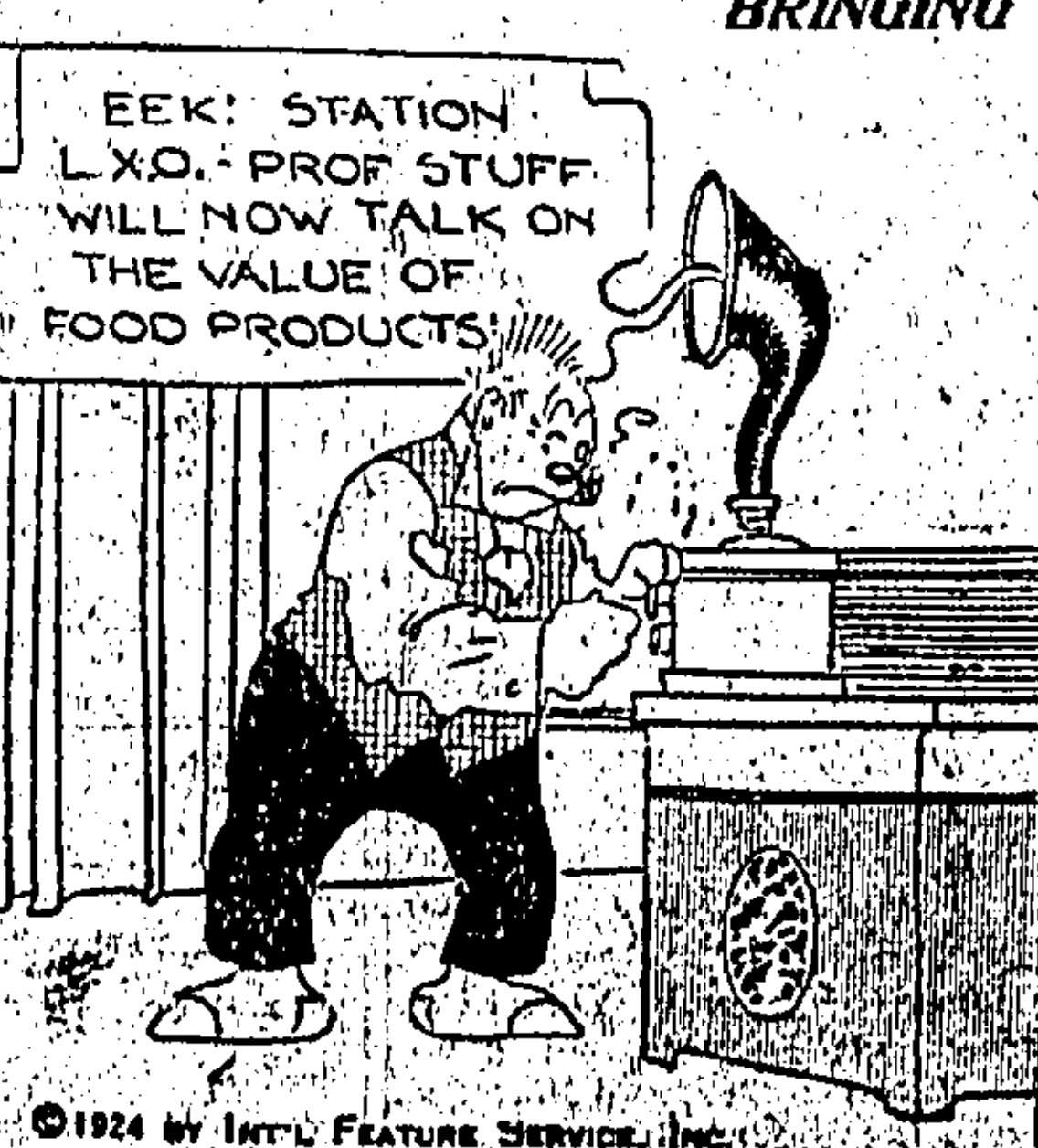
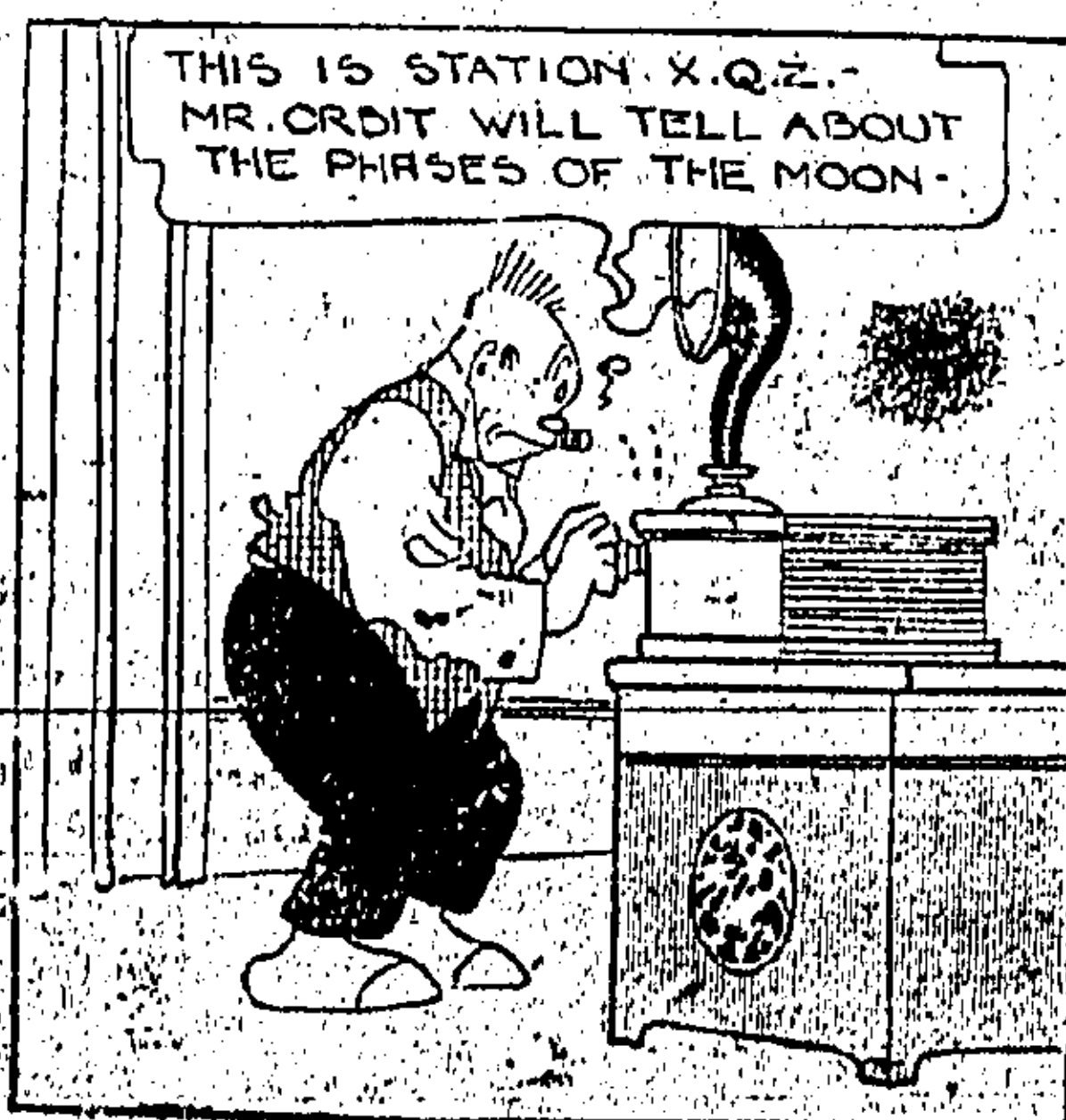
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